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tained on application at the Office of the
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inst.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 10th to
the 24th August, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. L. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 29, 1908. 1080

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Noon, for the purpose of receiving the
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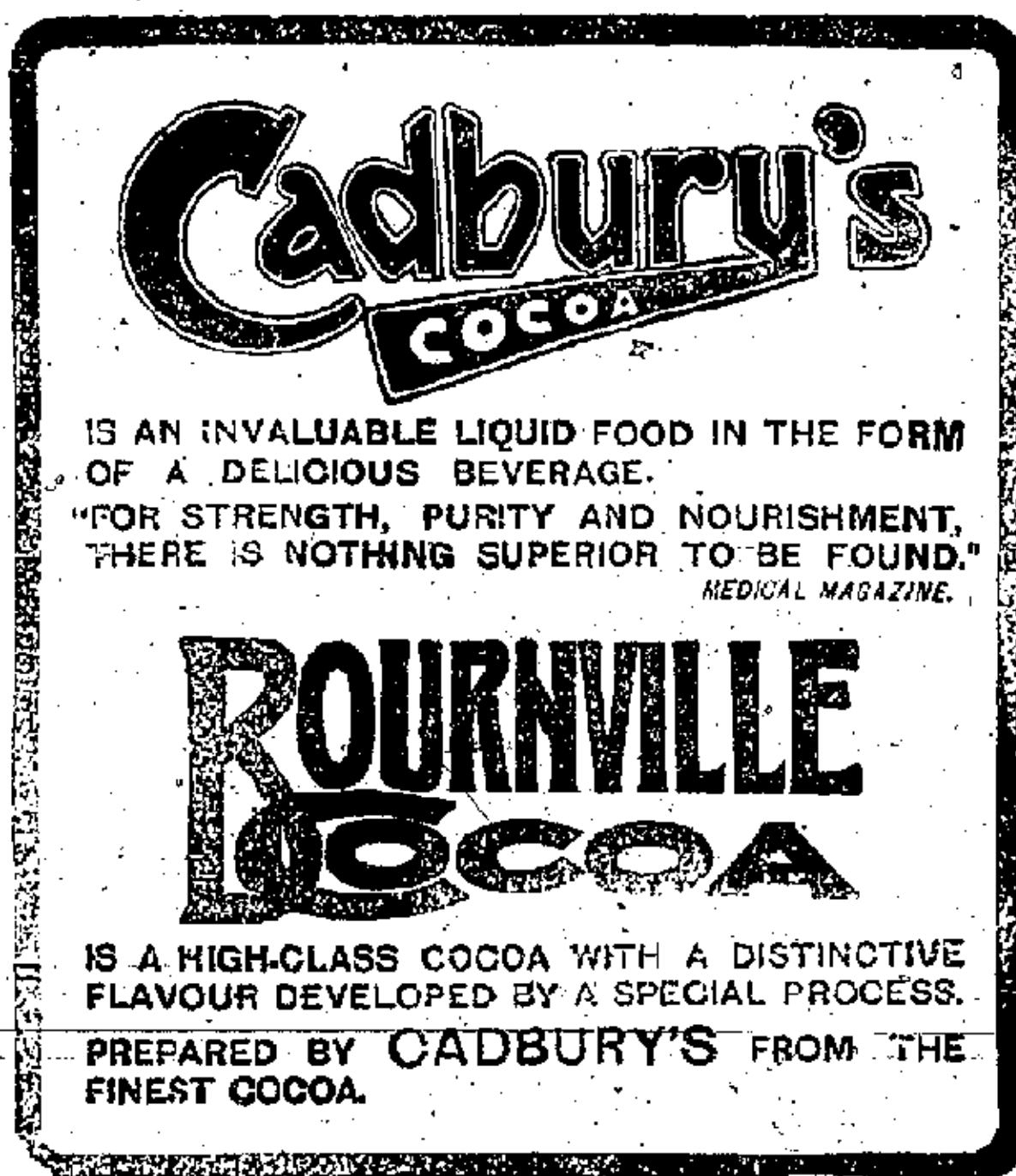
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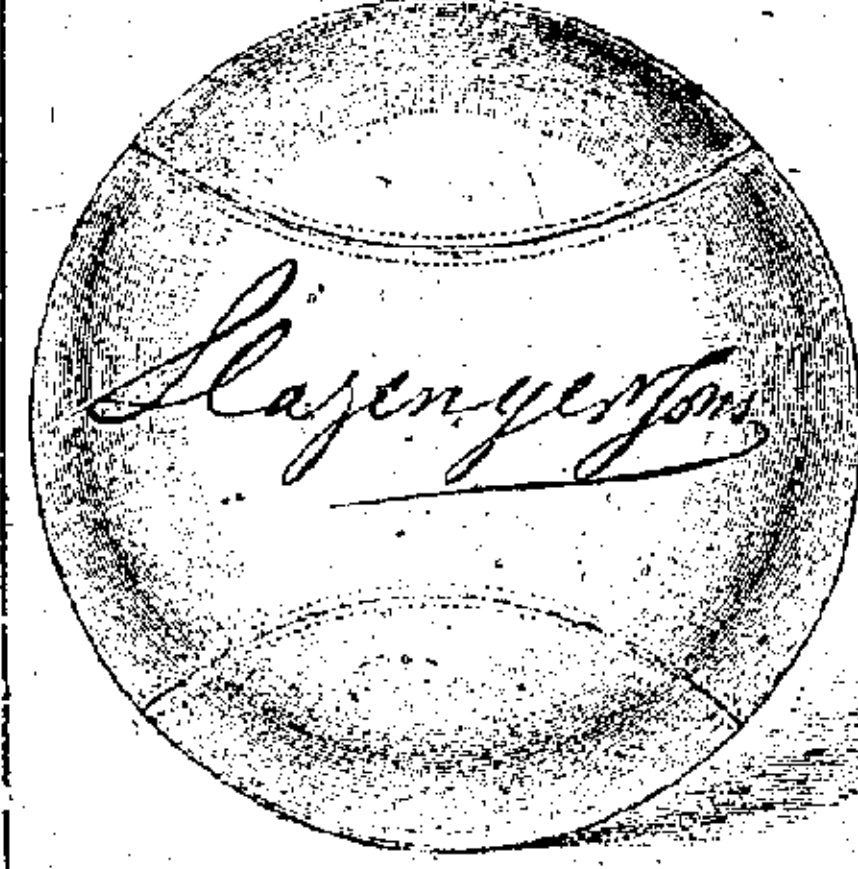
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COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held at the City Hall at noon today.

Mr. E. S. SELLER, president and there were present:—Hon Mr. R. W. Slade, Hon Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs E. G. Barrett, G. C. R. Broderick, G. F. Friesland, C. S. Gubbay, W. Holmes, R. Shearer, Mr. E. Tomkins (directors); J. R. M. Smith (general manager), J. C. Peter (sub manager), Hon Mr. Murray Stewart, Messrs J. F. Cox Edwards, R. R. Hynd, C. E. Anton, W. Dunbar, C. Pemberton, J. W. C. Bonnar, E. S. Kadoorie, J. M. E. Macdonald, Wong Leung Him, A. F. Warrack, W. H. Potts, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Ellis Kadoorie, F. F. Mackay, A. V. Apear, Ho Fook, Lo Ching Shui, A. C. Hynes, F. H. Thomas, C. A. Rora, H. N. Mody, H. Percy Smith, W. H. Hinds, E. H. May, and H. Humphreys.

The notice convening the meeting having been read by the Secretary.

The Chairman rose and read the half-yearly report. He then said:—Gentlemen:—I need hardly say that it gives the directors great pleasure to present the 86th ordinary half-yearly report which I have just read. The statement of assets and liabilities now before you exhibits an active and increasing business and the profit and loss account shows that we have had a satisfactory half year. I think I may count, with confidence, upon your approval of the proposed distribution, viz.:—a dividend of 42 per cent to be paid, \$5 has to be added to the Silver Reserve Fund, \$22 has to be written off Bank Premises, and the balance of \$20 has to be carried forward to the next half year, or practically the amount brought in from the previous one. In inviting you to compare the statement of assets and liabilities with that of the 21st December last, I have the satisfaction of being able to point to a growth in the figures under nearly every heading. On the one side we see the large increase of \$300 in current accounts and fixed deposits, gold and silver together, and this addition to our operative funds is represented on the other side of the account by a like increase in the total of bills, cash and bullion in hand and in transit. The total assets of the Bank now amount to the large sum of \$222 millions of dollars. The high price of money in Europe referred to at the last meeting by my predecessor in the chair is now a thing of the past and it has been succeeded by a period of financial ease and an accumulation of funds waiting employment; this is accounted for to some extent by less money being required to finance our trade owing to the fact that has taken place in the price of most products, but is mainly due to a shrinkage of trade throughout the world. It therefore suited the Bank towards the end of the half year under review, to hold our bills in London until maturity instead of rediscounting them, and you will observe that the amount of bills rediscounted outstanding is considerably less than the figures shown in previous reports. Outstanding exchange purchases at the end of last half year were based on the then high rates for money rolling in Europe and our accounts benefited accordingly by the very fall in the rate of home discounts. Money is also abundant in the chief business centres in China, more especially in Shanghai, where the stock of specie is abnormally large. In Japan the Japanese Banks have for some time past adopted a conservative policy with regard to their advances and money there continues to command high rates. Several of the large manufacturing companies in that country have, however, lately been able to borrow money in Europe and America and this financial help to Japan's productive enterprises cannot fail to have beneficial effects not only on the trade but also on the general finances of the country. India is still suffering from the effects of bad crops and low prices but nevertheless a considerable amount of silver was imported by the Bank during the half year. These conditions brought about a very weak exchange market, and to prevent any heavy fall in rates the Indian Government decided to offer weekly for sale at 1/3 per rupee their sterling demand drafts on London. Latest advices record a favourable season on the greater part of the country and I trust the result will soon be apparent in a renewal of prosperity. For the first three months of this year the position of the silk market was in a very unsatisfactory condition and at one time a panic in the trade was feared. This was happily averted. In America an improvement in the demand has taken place and in Europe the new season has commenced under favourable auspices; stocks have been considerably reduced but remain sufficiently large to keep prices down to a level that should encourage consumption. In spite of the severe crisis of last season the total of the combined exports from China and Japan shows that the trade is one which is still on the increase. It is matter for regret that no indications are yet apparent that the Chinese Government are preparing to give effect to their expressed intention of reforming the national currency, and the confusion and disturbance to trade caused by the excessive and uncontrolled coining of silver and copper subsidiary coins, continue. Further complications threaten to arise out of the issue of notes by various Chinese Banks throughout the Empire, but it is to be hoped that the Central Government will before long realize the necessity of taking steps to ensure that all such issues are supported by adequate and controlled reserves of uniform value. As regards prospects in the Far East, it was unfortunate that just when a long continuance of trade depression, due to local causes, might have been expected to change for the better, the financial crisis occurred in America. This affected the European money market, causing a contraction of credit, and proved to be the forerunner of the prevailing restriction of trade all over the world. Though as yet there are no

clear signs of the long-deferred reaction, still cheap money and diminishing stocks are factors which must sooner or later bring about a commercial revival and I think we may therefore continue to take a hopeful view of the future. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions you may put to the chair.

Questions being asked the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. C. E. Anton said:—It gives me much pleasure to record the adoption of the report and accounts and in doing so I feel justified in saying that shareholders will have received with very great satisfaction the statement of the 6 months' working, the more so seeing that the period has been one of restricted trade in nearly all directions. The directors and management have good cause to congratulate themselves on the result, and as pointed out by the Chairman it is very gratifying to notice the large increase in the figures under the various headings of the account presented. The general depression in the Far East has been very protracted and of a far-reaching character but, although the end of it is not yet in sight, I think that in the natural course of events we may confidently look forward to a return of better times—perhaps at no very distant date—in which we may rest assured the Bank will participate by increased prosperity. That competition in all classes of business in the East is a wise and prudent measure. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Henry Humphreys proposed that the appointment of Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. F. G. Barrett, Mr. C. G. R. Broderick, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, and Mr. W. H. Hinds, Directors be continued.

Mr. W. Dunbar seconded and the motion was agreed to.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

SPORTING.

Water Polo Shield Competition.

On Friday evening the seventh and final round for the Water Polo Shield was completed in the V.R.C. enclosure. Results:—

FIRST MATCH.
R.F.C. v. R.G.A. v. K.C.C.—A good, fast game, the R.F.C. Company scoring one goal (by Gunner Ward) in the first half, and the R.F.C. one (by Trimmer Fidler) in the second. The R.F.C. team played a better game in the 2nd half. We understand that a friendly return match will be played next week.

SECOND MATCH.
H.K.C.Y. Club v. H.M.S. Tamar.—This was very one-sided, the C.Y.C. winning by seven goals to nothing.

As the V.R.C. and the C.Y.C. have each the highest number of points and are therefore level in the competition a deciding match will have to be played. This, we understand, will take place within the next two weeks.

Lawn Bowls.

The Kowloon Bowling Club have issued their fixtures for the second half year as follows:—

August 29. Tennis: Match versus K.C.C. Home.
September 5.—Bowls: Match versus Police Recreation Club. Away.
September 12.—Bowls: Match versus K.C.C. Home.
September 19.—Bowls: Spoon Competition.
September 26.—Hockey: Match versus K.C.C. Away.

October 3. Bowls: Match Presidents versus V. Presidents, and at Home.
October 10.—Cricket: Match versus K.C.C. Away.
October 17.—Bowls: Match Married versus Single.
October 24.—Bowls: Match. Under 12. Shore versus Over 12. Shore.
October 31.—Bowls: Scotchmen versus The Rest.

November 7.—Tennis: Ladies Doubles, Spoon Competition and Open Air Concert.
November 14.—Bowls: Spoon Competition.
November 21.—Tennis: Gentlemen's Doubles, Spoon Competition.
November 28.—Bowls: Docks versus The Rest.

Home Cricket.

FIXTURES FOR MONDAY.

Lords Middlesex v. Kent.
Brighton, Sussex v. Nottingham.
Birmingham, Warwickshire v. Derbyshire.
Derby, Gloucestershire v. Surrey.
Durham, Somerset v. Yorkshire.
Durham v. Gentlemen of Philadelphia.

The Yorkshire County committee considers that the tours of colonial cricket teams in England have been too frequent in the past. An interval of three years between visits is thought advisable, and the committee prefers an Australian visit in 1910.

County Cricket Championships.

Result to August 15, 1908.

Counties.	Runs.	Wickets.	Loss.	Points.	Per Centage.
Yorkshire	22 15	0 7 15	100.00		
Kent	22 15	2 5 13	88.00		
Surrey	22 12	3 8 3	60.00		
Gloucestershire	13 5	2 6 3	42.5		
Sussex	23 6	3 14 3	33.33		
Worcestershire	16 6	5 5 1	9.09		
Leicestershire	22 8	9 5 2	5.88		
Nottingham	16 0	6 1	0.00		
Derbyshire	15 4	5 6 1	11.11		
Gloucestershire	17 6	8 3 2	14.28		
Essex	18 4	7 7 3	27.27		
Warwickshire	18 4	9 5 5	33.33		
Derbyshire	20 4	12 4 3	50.00		
Northamptonshire	20 3	12 5 9	60.00		
Somersetshire	16 2	13 2 11	73.33		

A message from the Mayor of New York to the Mayor of Chicago carried by boy runners in relays was delivered on 21st July. The distance, 1,092 miles, was covered in 114 hours 46 min., or 11 hours 27 min. under the scheduled time. On the average the runners covered a mile in 6 min. 30 sec. and 6.5 miles in 40 min. With the exception of Sunday the message was passed from boy to boy without interruption.

LETTERS ON LIFE.

No. XV.

LETTERS AND LETTER WRITERS.

HONGKONG, August 18, 1908.

The English Mail is in to-day.

I listened for the sound of the gun which announces its arrival, as only a stranger and sojourner in a strange land can, anticipating the arrival of papers and letters. What it has brought me is an illustration of the truth of that old proverb which declares that expectation is better than realization. The contents of the bundle which an hour ago the postman delivered at my door is as follows:—four picture post-cards, the Weekly Times, a long shaped cover marked "Private and Confidential," a gilt edged and crested envelope looking as if it might have been sent from the Palace, a bill from my dressmaker requesting prompt payment and a little scrap from yourself. The letter is written "in haste," and wholly taken up with apologies for not having written sooner.

You are not altogether satisfactory as a correspondent; last time you honored me with an epistle it was to remind me of my birthday and consequently increased age, a trouble I should have preferred to bear unremarked and alone.

The picture post-cards which form a part of my mail represent places I have never seen or ever wish to see; they are sent by Maiden Aunts in England who live in the hopes that I shall return the compliment and so help them to add to the supply of cards in their already crowded post-card books. One of these Virgin Souls has a collection of picture-cards which fills a dozen albums. She hopes to double the number before she dies and has made a will giving directions that these beloved possessions be buried with her. I am quite sure that she intends enlarging her collection in Heaven, if so be the scheme of things in the next world includes picture post-cards.

As to the remainder of my mail the long shaped envelope marked "Private and Confidential," is a communication from an unknown beauty doctor offering to renovate my complexion which she is sure must have suffered from the effects of our tropical climate, for the modest sum of two guineas postage included.

The Weekly Times, dear dull thing speaks for itself, while the sealed and crested letter contained nothing more than an invitation to the wedding in London of a slight acquaintance, which is in other words a delicate and gentle reminder that "wedding presents are still in vogue."

Should letters be burnt? Unhesitatingly I say Yes,—all, excepting only that variety signed in official manner as, "Your obedient Servant." These may be pigeon-holed for future reference.

Some little time ago an American authoress whose name I am afraid I have forgotten, discussed the question as to whether or not love-letters should be burnt, in a clever novel entitled "A Gift from the Grave." It tells of a man who for years received letters from a famous woman, though he did not return her love. At length she died and he ultimately fell in love with another woman. Being very poor and yet desirous of being married the man took the famous woman's letters, (which he had kept) and sold them to a firm who published them under the lady's name. But his wife discovered what he had done and great was the price he paid for his meanness, though not greater perhaps than many a man and woman have paid for treasured letters which have afterwards appeared as exhibits in breach of promise or divorce cases.

There is a great art in beginning and ending letters suitably so as to encourage friendship. This also applies to the writing of informal invitations. A chit inviting one to dinner which begins "Dear Mrs. X and ends yours very truly, is apt to leave one cold. It implies that a duty is being performed, you are merely being tickled off the list, and after all it takes but little trouble to evolve something slightly more encouraging.

Talking of the endings of letters it must be remembered that though few women now-a-days can write an epistle to a friend without adding a postscript the earliest letter by an Englishwoman written in 1599 was without this addition.

A man who aspired to fame as a poet once dwelt in our little Island. In spite of what he described as an uncongenial atmosphere, he frequently broke into verse. Once he ventured to send some poetic lines to a lady whom he much admired. These verses did not contain very original sentiments—that was no

doubt due to the climate—but the idea was pleasant. "I think of you by the long day through, I dream of you by night," the first lines ran, melodiously. The messenger who was trusted to convey to the lady the poet's outburst returned with the chit-book duly signed, and a letter as follows:

"Dear Mr. X

You think of me by day, how bad for your work!

You dream of me by night, how bad for your rest!"

"My poor verses," sighed the poet, "what an unappreciative world it is."

People who have never been in the East find it difficult to understand our chit system. What is a chit? they ask, and you vaguely explain that it is something in the form of a note, signed by the sender and accompanied by a book and a messenger called. It may be an "I. O. U., a friendly invitation, or a love letter. The recipient signs the book with his or her initials and the strange symbol O.K. in token that the chit has been delivered; occasionally he or she writes an answer or a witty remark in the chit-book, in a margin left for that purpose. Chit-books like post-cards are public property, they are liable to be perused by all and sundry. Few people with time to spare are strong-minded enough to resist the temptation of reading entries other than those which concern themselves.

Of letters written in the third person the quaintest I ever read was one from a young girl who had accidentally exchanged umbrellas with a school-fellow, to whom she sent the following:—

"Miss A. presents her compliments to Miss B. and begs to say that she has an umbrella which isn't mine; so if you have one that isn't hers, no doubt they are the ones."

VERONICA.

NAVAL OR MILITARY PRISONERS.

Eligible to Earn Remission of Sentence.

The Gazette contains an additional rule made by the Governor in Council, in the case of naval or military prisoners who have not been dismissed from the service as follows:—A prisoner sentenced to imprisonment, whether by one sentence or cumulative sentences, for a term exceeding twenty-nine days, shall be eligible for special remission of sentence, to earn a remission of a portion of his imprisonment not exceeding one-sixth of the whole period.

A prisoner shall be able to earn on each week day eight, seven or six marks, according to the degree of his industry. On Sunday he shall be awarded marks at the rate of his average earning during the previous week.

HAPPENING IN THE HARBOUR.

A Chinese was found in the harbour, off the Harbour Office, this morning, supposed to have died of plague.

The S. Kiu-king, from Shanghai and Swatow, reports strong to fresh N.E. winds and high confused seas; squally, with torrents of rain south of High Chiklo, from Turnabout to port fine weather.

THE HAUGHTY DALAI LAMA.

Cavalier Treatment Of Mr Rockhill.

The Governor of Shansi has reported to the Peking Government about the daily proceedings of the Dalai Lama at the Wutai mountains. According to H. E. Pao Feng's reports, the Chief Pontiff of Tibet is behaving himself in a very haughty and disrespectful manner towards the local Chinese officials; for, in addition to the supply of his own and his numerous followers' daily food and other requisites at the expense of the Chinese Government, the Dalai Lama demands money and gifts from them under various pretexts. Moreover, he regards himself as much superior to the Chinese, and has of late been treating the Chinese with contempt. He has even refused to show much courtesy to Mr W. Rockhill, the United States Minister to China, who paid him a visit during his recent tour in Shansi in connection with the doctor of the German Legation at Peking. The latter was specially sent to the Wutai-shan by Baron Rex to present a photograph of the German Emperor to the Dalai Lama. The insatiable desire of the Dalai Lama's retinue are also a cause for anxiety, and their prolonged stay threatens to ruin the famous temple on the Wutai-shan. Meantime the Dalai Lama's reluctance to come to Peking has not been overcome. Prince Chung and H. E. Yuan Shih-kai have instructed Governor Pao to assure him that the Chinese Government will accord him such courtesy and dignity as is due to his position during his sojourn in Peking and that he has not the slightest intention of doing him any harm. The only thing China wants is to confer with him in person about the reorganization of Tibet, so as to introduce western reforms there for the benefit of both China and the casual State. But so far no satisfactory answer has been received from the Dalai Lama. Meanwhile Mongolian Princes, nobles and others are regarding the Wutai-shan as a holy place on account of the presence of the Dalai Lama and are going on pilgrimages to him at great expense, for the Thibetan followers will not allow them to approach the Chief Pontiff without monetary gifts; while the Dalai Lama himself also demands presents or gifts of money and articles from these devotees.

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COMMERCIAL.

MARKET REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated 21st August, Messrs. Vernon and Smith state:—Our market still continues dull, and apart from a little more activity in one or two stocks in which a fair business has been transacted, there is but little change or feature of interest to report. Bar-Silver is quoted in London at 234d. and sterling T.T. at 1/9 1/2. The rate on Shanghai has advanced to 75 T.T.

Bank.—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled steady with fair sales at 7/10, closing with probable buyers at the rate. London has again advanced and is now quoted at 260. The enquiry for Nationals at 351 continues, but there are no sellers or buyers reported.

Marine Insurance.—Unions have been booked at 7/10 and 7/10, closing with a few shares on the market at the latter rate. North China are in strong demand at 1/15. Canton and China Traders have not been dealt in during the interval and remain as last quoted.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong have been booked at 3/15 and 3/15, closing with a few shares on the market. Chins can be placed at 3/20.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been booked at 2/10, and close with probable buyers at the rate. Under the 2nd and 3rd of the month, the preferred and deferred combined. Star Ferries (old) are still procurable at 2/5, but the new issue has sold, and continues in demand at 3/15. Shell Tr. exports can still be placed at 4/6, and the preferred shares at 4/10.

Refineries.—There is no business to report, and quotations are unchanged.

Mining.—Rauhs have been booked at 2/10, 2/10 and 2/10, closing steadily at 2/10. The shares are unchanged with buyers at 2/10.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue on offer at 8/10. Sales of Kowloon Wharves have been official at 3/15, and there are buyers at the rate. Shanghai Docks have advanced to 1/15, and Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves to 1/15, the latter with sellers.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Land has been booked at 3/4, and West Point at 3/4. Kowloon Land is procurable at 3/7, and Humphreys' Estates at 3/10. Hongkong Hotels are steady at 3/10, and with probable buyers. Shanghai Hotels are without change at 3/10, and the old at 3/10 and the new issue at 3/10. A small lot of Union Water Boats is procurable at 3/10. Powells, Ltd., have declined to 3/4, but at this there are buyers. South China Morning Posts are procurable to a small extent at 3/2.

YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Phoenix B. Pett & Co. in their yarn market report of August 21 state:—Our last circular was dated the 7th inst. The yarn market during the past fortnight has been firm throughout with prices maintained on the level of last mail's quotations. The steadiness in exchange, despite the drop in the value of silver, prevented any fluctuations attributable to extraneous circumstances. As will be seen, prices, in some few instances, have shown modifications upward; these are ascribable to legitimate inquiry for the more fancied "cheongsam" of readily saleable threads, stocks of which in fast hands are becoming extremely scarce. There has not been the same volume of business as reported in the preceding circular. This is due to the fact of the distinction of Chinese dealers to pay higher rates because, as they state, of the inability of the consuming districts meeting the ideas of local currency has been established. Having regard to the present state of the market, the slump in rupee exchange, at the beginning of the month, to equalise which a corresponding automatic appreciation in local currency has been established. Having regard to the present state of the market, the slump in rupee exchange, at the beginning of the month, to equalise which a corresponding automatic appreciation in local currency has been established.

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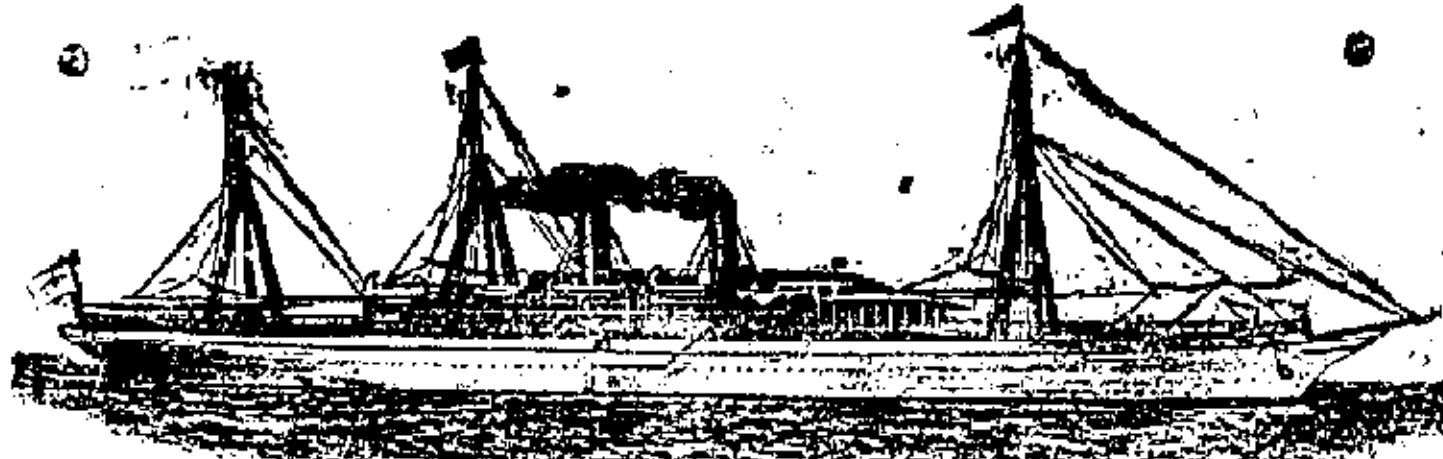
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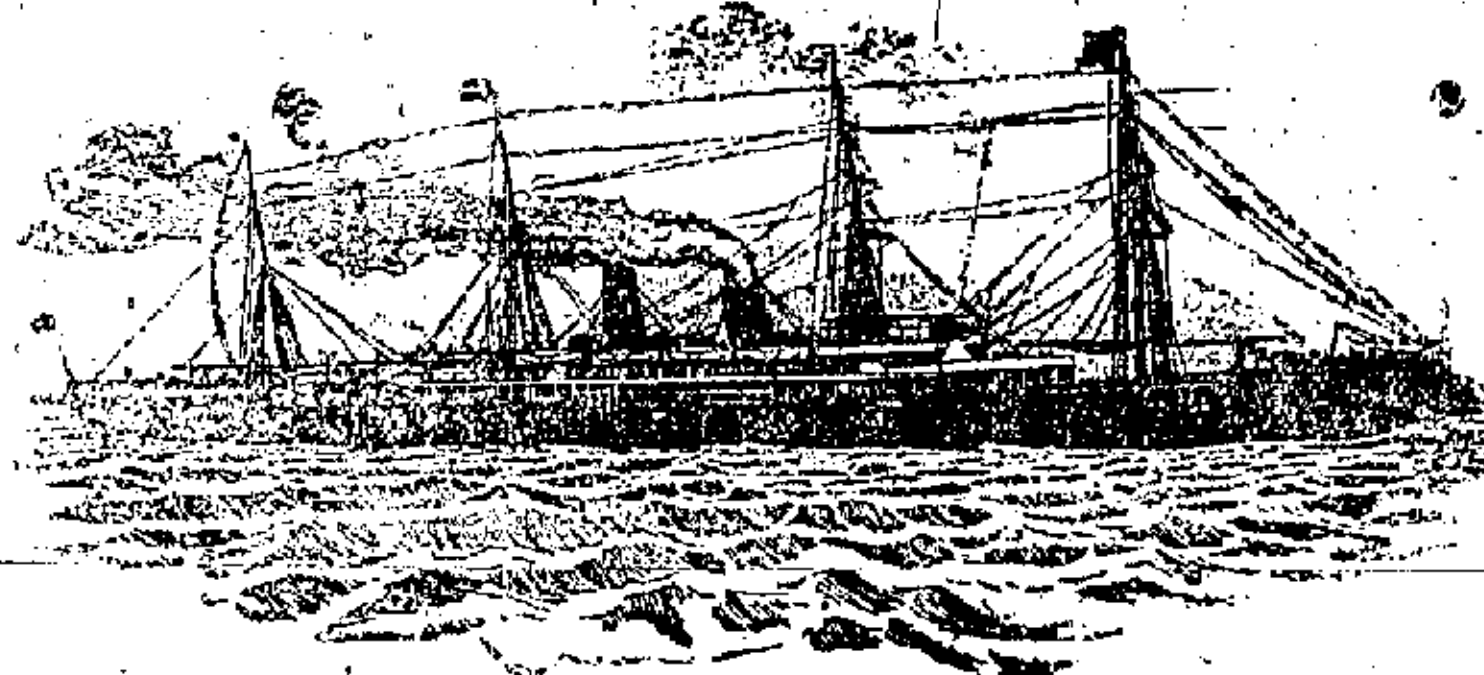
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CHINA	10,200 " " SATURDAY, 26th Sept., at Noon
MANOHU	27,000 " " SATURDAY, 3rd Oct., at Noon
HONGKONG MARU	11,000 " " FRIDAY, 8th Oct., at Noon
ASIA	9,500 " " SATURDAY, 17th Oct., at Noon
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KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAIYAN	August 25, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	TEAN	August 26, at 4 p.m.
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SEIT & LIAISON	KAIPOH	August 29, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	About WEDNESDAY, 26th Aug.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	MANTLA	THURSDAY, 10th Sept., at 5 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	NANSANG	TUESDAY, Sept. 15, at Noon
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ALABAMA.—On August 15, 1908, at

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MARRIAGE.

DECEASED.—On July 11, 1908, at

St. Matthew's Church, Notting Hill

Gate, London, MARIO MASSIMO DESORI,

of Novi Ligure, Italy, and Shanghai,

China, to NORTH MONTGOMERY THOMAS, of

Shanghai.

DEATH.

THOMAS.—On August 17, 1908, at Han-

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

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MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong & Whan-

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Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's

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General Memoranda.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1908.

SOME TRIUMPHS AT PANAMA.

Generous tribute is paid in a recent

issue of the "Lancet" to the wonderful

results obtained by the American Sanitary

Commission at Panama. When one

recalls the terrible story of De Lesseps'

unlucky venture in the miasmatic swamps

and fever-stricken gullies of this humid

isthmus, it seems nothing short of

marvellous that the present regime should

have accomplished what it has done and

in such a comparatively short space of

time. The "Lancet" bases its remarks

upon a report furnished by Mr. Joun

Georges Lison, who has paid two visits

to Panama, a period of three years

separating each. Mr. Lison, in the

course of his article, says:

"Since 1905 the Isthmus has been

the scene of many remarkable changes;

indeed, it may without exaggeration be

said that not only the face but also the

character of the country have been

altered. In my earlier contributions, it

may be remembered, I referred at length

to the physiological effect of its high

temperature and debilitating humidity,

accounted by the noxious exhalations

from decomposing organic matter, upon

not only people accustomed to a tem-

perate climate, but also upon the native

population. It seemed then almost

ridiculous to anticipate that these effects

could be sensibly modified, that life in

the zone could be made endurable for

the foreigner, or that the native could

be awakened from his traditional sloth

and disregard of the first elements of

the laws of hygiene. Yet in three short

years all this has happened. Panama

and Colon, from hot-beds of disease,

have been transformed into practically

new cities, not only by the provision

of complete water-works and sewerage

systems, an efficient system of quarantine,

the reconstruction or widening of many

streets with stone or brick, but also by

the new willing co-operation of their

people in furthering the designs of the

masterful American. The older hospitals

have been enlarged and modernized, and

wherever required new ones have been

erected and properly equipped. At every

important point along the canal line

water and sewer systems have been

installed, and nothing has been left

undone to impress both native and

immigrant employee with a sense of the

dominant power's appreciation of the

value of life and health. The

arrangements for the housing and

feeding of the army of workers, white

and coloured, on the canal and railroad

leave little to be desired, and—what

too often neglected in enterprises

involving the employment of a large

labour force—every possible encourage-

ment is given by the Commission to

the promotion of healthy social life."

As a result of all this care, Mr. Lison

notes there has been no yellow fever on

the Isthmus for two years, although the

fever continues in all the countries

around the zone with which the latter

has commercial relations. There is

bubonic plague on the Pacific Coast,

both north and south of the Isthmus,

but no case has occurred in the zone

since 1905. These facts, he believes,

furnish proof of the virtues of quarantine

and assurance that pure water and the

sanitary corps have abolished yellow

fever in Panama and Colon. Even

more interesting, he thinks, is the

record in respect of malaria.

"Of the deaths in 1907 among the

workers on the canal line only

4.57 per 1,000 can be attributed to

diseases ordinarily known as tropical

among which, of course, is included

malaria in its various forms. There were

admitted to the hospitals last year, when

the labour force averaged over 30,000,

16,750 cases of malaria, as compared

with 21,739 cases in 1906, when the

average force was but 26,000, indicating

that in one year malaria had been re-

duced, just 50 per cent. It is also

worthy of note, as showing a greatly

increased resisting power among the

blocks, that whereas in 1906 the death-

rate from malaria was approximately

among the whites 2 per 1,000 and among

the blacks 8 per 1,000, the same rates

in 1907 were respectively 3 and 4 per

1,000.

The records of the first three months

of the current year are even more sat-

isfactory and indicate a marked improve-

ment as compared with the correspond-

ing periods of 1907. Indeed, they

provide the most favourable reports which

the Health Department has been able to

make. The death-rates for the whole

population of the Canal Zone are espe-

cially noteworthy and compare favourably

with those of many European and

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* SUMATRA	Dec. 2	Jan. (1909)
* BORNEO	Dec. 30	Feb. 1
* NILE	Jan. (1909) 13	Feb. 1
* SUADA	Jan. 27	Mar. 1

